1989-90 के लिए 19.00 करोड़ रु० का आवंटन किया गया है।

जहां तक राज्य-सड़कों का संबंध है, 7वीं योजना के प्रथम 3 वर्षों में 134.90 करोड़ रुपए खर्च किए गए हैं। वर्ष 1988-89 तथा 1989-90 के लिए परिव्यय क्रमशः 52.74 करोड़ रु. तथा 52.13 करोड़ रु. है। 8वीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में कितना खर्च होने की संभावना है, अभी बताना संभव नहीं है।

Report of the Evaluation Group set up by Vayudoot for selection of aircraft

1849. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Evaluation Group set up by Vayudoot for the selection of a 40 plus seater aircraft for the third level airline has since submitted its report to Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Alleged involvement of a diplomat of Ugandan High Commission in Smuggling activities

1850. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the involvement of a diplomat of Ugandan High Commission in Delhi was suspected in the smuggling by contraband goods seized from a Sainik farm recently alongwith a number of smuggled cannon FAX machines; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the investigations conducted into the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): Yes Sir. In April, 1989 the police authorities seized 462 kgs. of charas and 31 FAX machines from an outhouse within the residential compound of a diplomat of the Ugandan High Commission.

(b) Evidence obtained from the investigations was not sufficient to initiate legal proceedings. The case has been filed as "Untraced".

Seventeen Year hoax on Taj pollution

1851. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press report under the caption "seventeen-year hoax on Taj pollution" which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 10th July, 1989;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to atmospheric pollution such as sulpher dioxide, nitrogen oxide etc., the monument is going to be damaged day by day; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to preserve this prestigious monument from atmospheric pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise. The ambient air in respect of Sulpher-dioxide and other pollutants, as well as the meteriological data around the Taj Mahal is continuously being monitored and remedial measures are undertaken as required.

Impact of Sino-Soviet relations on the Indian-sub continent

1852. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of China and USSR pledged to re-establish relations on the basis of Panchsheel and mutual coexistence during the latter's visit to China in the middle of May;

(b) if so, what according to Government's information, have been the development in Sino-Soviet relations following the said visit; and

(c) what is Government's assessment about the impact thereof on the establishment of peace in the Indian Sub-Continent?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) During the visit of Soviet President Gorbachev to China from May 15-18, 1989, it was stated that the People's Republic of China and the USSR would develop their relations on the basis of the universal principles guiding State to State relations. The two sides agreed that the visit symbolised normalisation of relations between the two countries. Both sides considered it important to have contacts and dialogues between the leaders of the two countries. Recently, Chinese Vice Premier Tian Jiyun visited the Soviet Union in connection with a meeting of the Sino-Soviet Joint Economic Commission.

Government welcome the normalization of Sino-Soviet relations and hope that this process will contribute to peace and stability in Asia and the world.

Repatriation of Indian Nationals from Singapore

1853. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 77 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th July, 1989 and state:

(a) the number of Indian Nationals who had over-stayed in Singapore, as on April 1, 1989, and the reasons for their over-stay according to Government's information; and

(b) how many of them have since been repatriated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) According to available information, there were 1840 Indian overstayers in Singapore on April 1, 1989. The primary reason for overstay of these Indian nationals was that they had illegally secured jobs.

(b) 1806 Indian nationals have been repatriated to India since April 1, 1989.

Proposal to convert Madurai metre gauge division into broad-gauge division

1854. SHRI PASUMPONTHA KIRUTTINAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many metre-gauge divisions are functioning in the country; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to convert Madurai metre-gauge division in Tamil Nadu into broad-gauge Railway division?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Seven divisions having exclusively Metre Gauge lines and nineteen divisions having both